

1 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
2 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

3 United States of America,

Case No.: 2:18-cr-00106-JAD-DJA

4 Plaintiff

5 v.

**Order Overruling Objection Filed Pro Se
in Violation of Local Rule IA 11-6(a)**

6 Wayne Scott Peterson,

ECF No. 109

7 Defendant

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9 Wayne Scott Peterson, a criminal defendant represented by counsel, has filed an
10 objection to the magistrate judge's denial of his motion to disclose attorney's fees. ECF No.
11 109. Because Peterson is represented by counsel, he cannot personally file objections or motions
12 at this time; it is his attorney who must file motions on his behalf. Local Rule 11-6(a) explains
13 that "A party who has appeared by attorney cannot while so represented appear or act in the case.
14 This means that once an attorney makes an appearance on behalf of a party, that party may not
15 personally file a document with the court; all filings must thereafter be made by the attorney."¹
16 In light of this rule, if Peterson believes that relief is necessary, he must ask his attorney to bring
17 a motion on his behalf. Peterson is cautioned that not all arguments that a defendant believes
18 should be raised are meritorious, and there may be valid legal or strategic reasons that trained
19 counsel may find it unnecessary, improper, or unwise for a criminal defendant to bring an issue
20 to the attention of the court.

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¹ LR IA 11-6(a).

1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Peterson's pro se objection [ECF No. 109]
2 is **OVERRULED**. Defense counsel is directed to provide a copy of this order to Peterson and
3 consult with him regarding the issues he has raised in his pro se objection.

4 DATED: October 11, 2022.

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7 JENNIFER A. DORSEY
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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